

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 1-3 are directed to allowable subject matter in the Office Action of October 14, 2004; however, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-3 were rejected on the Office Action Summary (Form PTOL-326). A telephone call was placed to Examiner Thomas Beach on October 25, 2004, who indicated that this was merely a typographical error in the Office Action Summary and that claims 1-4 were in fact allowable. An additional telephone conversation on December 6, 2004 confirmed that claims 1-4 were allowable.

Objections to the Specification

The Abstract is objected to because it currently has exceeded 150 words, contains legal phraseology, and has an improper heading. Applicant, to eliminate this issue, has rewritten the Abstract in a clear and concise manner and limited the Abstract to less than 150 words.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract.

The specification is also objected to because it is unclear whether the headings on pages 10-12 are to be included with the specification. The specification has been amended to delete the brackets surrounding these headings.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

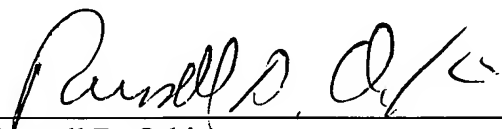
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CONCLUSION

Reconsideration of the objections to the Abstract and Specification and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, or wish to discuss the application in further detail, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone at 412-471-8815.

Respectfully submitted,

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